

WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

STEPHEN PRICE, PRESIDENT
JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT
BRIAN CLEMENTS
ROBERT GORDON
DAVE LATINO
DOUG MILLER
JIM PIERCE

ALSO, PRESENT:

MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR., SOLICITOR
DEBRA A. PIERCE, SECRETARY
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
KEN FULMER, GVC
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
ANTHONY TUCCI, WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE

ABSENT:

WILLIAM SCHLICHTER, CHIEF WBRPD
JARRED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT

S. Price called the Wernersville Borough Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion made by D. Latino to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2019 Council Meeting. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Alexandra Young, Animal Rescue League
Linda Bean, 57 E. Wilson Ave.
Chief Grim, South Heidelberg Township
Amy Kreider, 117 N. Walnut St.
Matt Zerr, 153 W. Gaul St.
Linda Dapcic-Angst, 319 N. Walnut St.

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Alexandra Young, Animal Rescue League spoke to Council about not adopting a Feral Cat Ordinance because it would be very hard to enforce. Instead the Animal Rescue League has a Community Cat Protection Program to help with the unmanaged cat colonies. Ms. Young said Council might want to consider participating in a voucher program with No Nonsense Neutering. They will neuter the feral cats for \$35.00 which also includes a rabies vaccine.

Linda Bean, 57 E. Wilson Ave. asked Council not to adopt the Feral Cat Ordinance. Her main concern is the proposed ordinance penalizes people for feeding or harboring the feral cats. She believes this is not an appropriate means of addressing the Borough's feral cat problem.

Amy Kreider, 117 N. Walnut Street asked Council what was going to be done regarding 123 N. Walnut St. (Barton Henderson) since it is now posted as inhabitable. Council referred this to G. Kraft, Zoning and Codes Enforcement. Mr. Kraft briefly explained the zoning enforcement process and that Mr. Henderson would have to fix the existing violations before the house could be reopened for habitation. Council further explained that this is a long-time and ongoing problem that will hopefully be resolved soon within the confines of the legal procedures available to the Borough.

Linda Dapcic-Angst, 319 N. Walnut Street, told Council that she is Barton Henderson's advocate. Ms. Dapcic-Angst said she is working to help Mr. Henderson's property get cleaned up both inside and outside.

Matthew Zerr, 153 W. Gaul Street; Mr. Zerr told Council that he was served papers for not removing his fence from the swale. He was told by someone that he only had to remove one (1) panel of fence to be in compliance, which he did. Council said that the GVC and the Solicitor will check on the issue and get back to Mr. Zerr.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 84 Calls for service in Wernersville for month of October.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 65 Calls for the month of October. 17 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written Report Submitted. 50 Calls for the month of October. 28 of the 50 calls were for Phoebe Berks.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report was submitted. 9 Permits were issued. 16 Property Maintenance Issues and 2 Zoning Issues for the month of October.

Engineer Report:

MS-4: Nothing to report.

Yard Waste Drop Off Site: K. Fulmer reported that they are in the process of rebidding this project with the assistance of the Solicitor and Jane Meeks of the Berks Co. Solid Waste Authority.

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2020 Street Work: K. Fulmer reported that if the Borough will be doing any Street Work in 2020, they should think about getting it out for bids sooner than later in the new year.

Mayor's Report:

None.

Council's Report:

J. Pierce reported that we should recognize E. Evans and R. Fischer for their service to the Borough at the December Council meeting.

Trash Bids: B. Clements reported that 3 bids were received and the lowest, responsible bid will likely be awarded on November 11, 2019 at the Trash Cog meeting.

Wernersville Police Pension Plan: Motion made by J. Swartz to appoint Debra Pierce, Secretary/Treasurer, to be the Associate Administrator for the Wernersville Police Pension Plan. R. Gordon seconded and carried. J. Pierce abstained

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

Mayor's Resignation: Motion made by R. Gordon to accept with regret, the Resignation of Mayor Edward I. Evans submitted October 14, 2019. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Handicap Parking Ordinance: Motion made by J. Swartz to have our Solicitor advertise the proposed Handicap Parking Ordinance for enactment at a future meeting. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Feral Cat Ordinance: Motion made by B. Clements to table action on the proposed Feral Cat Ordinance until the December 4, 2019 Council meeting. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

274 E. Penn Ave. Whitney Brady: We are waiting on an agreement from Whitney Brady and her Attorney.

New Business:

WBRPD Commission: Motion made by B. Clements to appoint S. Price to the WBRPD Commission to replace E. Evans. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

2020 Budget: We are in the process of working on the 2020 Budget.

Monthly Bills: Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the bill list and bills previously paid to avoid penalty. D. Latino seconded and carried. J. Pierce abstained.

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Balance Sheet: Motion made by J. Swartz to accept the Balance Sheet. B. Clements seconded and carried. J. Pierce abstained.

Executive Session:

An Executive Session was requested by J. Swartz to discuss a personnel issue. The meeting resumed at 8:10p.m. No formal action was taken.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 2019.

Motion by D. Latino to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary